

## G. W. U. MAY LOSE OUT

University of South Dakota  
Gets Phi Delta Charter.

## OTHER CANDIDATES IN FIELD

Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of California, makes address to convention, and is given an informal reception—New Chapter Members Hold Celebration.

While a charter was granted to the University of South Dakota yesterday at the convention of the Phi Delta Theta at the New Willard, it is understood that the George Washington University has practically been turned down in its application to become a member of the Greek letter fraternity.

South Dakota has been after the charter for three consecutive conventions, and has at last landed the prize. Hugh T. Miller, lieutenant governor of Indiana, is chairman of the committee, having the granting of charters in hand. Other candidate chapters are the Illinois Wesleyan College, the University of Idaho, the University of Arkansas, and the Lawrence University of Appleton, Wis.

There is talk among the convention members to the effect that one or two chapters of old standing are to have their charters taken away.

With the exception of one chapter the vote for the granting of the George Washington University is understood to have been unanimous. There was some opposition to the entrance of the local frat, because of the fact that there were several predecessors who had not as yet been acted upon favorably.

Has Been After It Long.

The Triennial Chapter of the University of South Dakota, which has been after a membership so many years, sent several representatives to the convention, who have worked hard and earnestly for its admission. There was a big celebration among the university boys of the new chapter last night.

Last evening several hundred members of the fraternity, and officers, attended a performance of "Glorious Betsy," by Miss Mary Manning, at the New National. As a compliment to the convention boys, Miss Manning wore the Phi Delta colors. To show their appreciation of her efforts to please, the actress was presented with a beautiful bouquet, with the best wishes of the entire fraternity. Another gift to Miss Manning was a handsome stickpin, as a little remembrance of the frat brothers.

Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, was a guest of the convention in the afternoon. While he is not a member of the fraternity, he belongs to the Alpha Delta Phi. Dr. Wheeler addressed the meeting, and was afterward given an informal reception.

President Wheeler Spoken.

President Wheeler's address, in part, is as follows:

"Students in the American universities are the same, whether North, East, South, or West; they have the same ideals, the same great purposes, and are closer together than they realize."

"It is natural for American students to have ideas of manliness. They are strong and healthy, they like manly and sometimes even rough sports, and their one great characteristic is virility."

"Roosevelt is the standard of American students. He and I have differed a little recently on spelling, and when I saw him to-day he stepped up to me and said: 'Mr. Wheeler, we differ in regard to spelling. I spell that "kat".'"

In closing he said young Americans are natural idealists; and without an ideal student life and life in general amounts to very little.

## NOTES OF THE PHI DELTAS.

There was talk of a dance to-morrow evening, but it has been given up, owing to the large amount of business which is before the convention.

With the Capitol building of the United States as a background, officers and delegates and visitors to the twenty-ninth biennial convention of the Phi Delta Theta were photographed yesterday afternoon.

At noon to-day, George M. Rommel and William M. Compton, of the Washington Alumni Club, will entertain the members of the general council of the Phi Delta Theta at luncheon, at the University Club.

Between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock this afternoon the women attending the convention will be entertained with a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Rommel, at the Deatur, in Florida avenue northwest.

To-day the fraternity will go on an excursion to Mount Vernon. A tree from the Miami University campus, in Ohio, where the fraternity was founded, will be planted before the tomb of Washington this afternoon, with proper ceremonies.

William Allen White, of "What's the Matter with Kansas?" fame, who was to have made an address at the banquet this evening, the real event of the convention, is unable to attend, and has wired President Frank J. R. Mitchell to this effect: "There is one day in the year that I feel that I should be at home with my wife and young ones," the message reads, "and that day is Thanksgiving. Otherwise, I should have been with you."

President Frank J. R. Mitchell has been the victim of a good deal of "joshing," as he appeared on the scene wearing a beard, his first. Among the older delegates who have known him for years back in Chicago, all kind of liberties have been taken with the president and his whiskers. He has been referred to as the "Count," called the "Duke," and other things. Finally some one spotted him as "Caruso," why do you do so, "Caruso! That settles it," said Mr. Mitchell. "The whiskers will come off." But he is still behind them.

Father John Wolfe Lindley, only living founder of the original Phi Delta Thetas at Miami University in Ohio fifty-eight years ago, although he attended eight national conventions of the order. He will head the delegates who will be received by President Roosevelt Saturday afternoon. Father Lindley attended the smoker at Rauscher's Hall Tuesday evening and seemed to be enjoying himself as well as any of the other boys. "How do you like a smoker?" some one asked him. "Fine," he said, "although I don't smoke." Father Lindley was eighty years old August 29.

## Society Celebrates Anniversary.

The Washington Technical Society celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of its organization last night by a dance at the Washington Sangerbund Hall. Thirty couples were in attendance, many of whom were from a sister chapter of the society in Baltimore. Supper was served at the conclusion of the dance.

## DAILY FASHION HINT.



A Clever Development of Shetland Cloth.

For matinee and other semi-formal occasions no material is better adapted, because of its soft delicate texture and coloring, than shetland cloth. The model shown illustrates the adaptability to a nicety. An overskirt effect is obtained by the skilful use of velvet ribbons, applied to the bottom of the skirt in curved lines. Surplised folds of the dress material adds to the general harmony, while the short sleeves, edged with trimly laces, are adorned with snappy velvet bows, that are quite French in their make and application.

## THANKSGIVING POETS.

## A FEAST DAY SYMPOSIUM.

The office boy brought in and laid it on the desk with the rest of the mail, and he never even smiled. It was a long envelope containing some slips of manuscript, and, recognizing this by the feel of it, naturally it was left to the last. When, at length, the envelope was opened it was found to contain the following letter:

"Poetical Editor of The Herald:

"Dear Sir—Thinking you would like some appropriate verse for Thanksgiving Day from prominent poets, I inclose the following, which I have gathered at considerable expense. The one marked Alfred Tennyson is what is called a post mortem—I mean a posthumous poem; meaning it was written before he died. No, meaning that it was not published while he was alive, which is the same thing. Hoping you can find a space in your valuable paper for these, I am,

"Very respectfully yours,  
"G. BERNARD SHAW."

Such as the inclosed poems are, The Herald presents them to its readers, merely remarking, as an evidence of its bona fides, that it does not guarantee them to be in any way authentic.

The first one is attributed to W. J. Lampton. It is called

## AN OWE TO THE DAY.

Turk!  
No work!  
And sure, of course;  
Cranberry sauce  
An appetite!  
For the meat that's white;  
Meat!  
Eat!  
Eat like a horse.

Wow!  
Wow! wow!  
Here's how!  
Nothing to say;  
Got my pay, and  
Spent it all on Thanksgiving Day.  
Fill up the ranks,  
Let's all give thanks  
Not  
Not that  
To-morrow we'll quake  
With the stomachache  
And Mr. Turk'll  
Get in his work  
And we'll cuss  
And fuss  
And carry on in an awful way  
Cause we eat—or ate  
Ourselves in a state  
On Thanksgiving Day!

The next one bore the signature of Alfred Tennyson, and there was a quite unnecessary footnote calling attention to the fact that it was in the same meter as "In Memoriam." It was called

## VEX NOT THE POET'S APPETITE.

I sometimes think it half a sin  
To eat the turkey newly slain;  
Think of the eggs she might have laid,  
And eggs, you know, are higher again.

The cranberry upon the tree,  
Behold, we know not anything;  
Still as a sauce it's dearly loved,  
And, oh! the sauce I have in me.

Shall we at table hesitate  
With fork and carving held erect;  
Think of the noble birds we've wrecked—  
No, place the breast upon our plate!

Ring out the bird; bring in the pie;  
The bell is near you kindly ring.  
I'll have some Roquefort by and by.

The contribution that Miss Carolyn Wells is said to have made to the symposium was this:

## OUT OF THE WEST.

There was a fine turk from the West,  
Who had lots of white meat on his breast;  
But the fellow who served it;  
Said, as if he deserved it:  
"I'll take the Pope's nose—it's the best."

There was one touching contribution from the Hoosier poet, Mr. James Whitcomb Riley, though, after all, there is

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## CURZON NOT THE MAN

Britain Unlikely to Offer Him  
Ambassadorship.

## HE PROBABLY WOULD REJECT

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, Who Formerly Was Secretary to Legation Here, Is Considered Most Favored of the Many Diplomats Mentioned as Probable Successor of Durand.

The question of who is to be the successor at the British Embassy of Sir Mortimer Durand is causing much speculation, not only in Washington society, but in diplomatic and political circles as well. It is reported now that although Sir Mortimer will leave for England on January 1, the British government will not appoint a new Ambassador for at least three months. In this case Sir Mortimer will retain his official connection with the embassy, although absent.

A number of names of prominent Englishmen have been mentioned as his successor, but among those who know, the idea that Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, will be selected is scouted. It is regarded as most improbable that Lord Curzon would accept the post, even if it were offered; and, remembering that he is politically opposed to the present ministry, it is unlikely that he will have an opportunity.

He, like Lord Rosebery, declared that his ambition was to become Prime Minister of England some day, and the evident weakness of the present government of Great Britain, and the need there will be of strong men in the House of Commons, when it is reorganized, opens to Lord Curzon (who is an Irish peer and eligible to stand for any English borough) the first step toward his goal.

## Mr. Spring-Rice Is Favored.

The most likely name mentioned so far is that of Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, recently appointed Minister to Persia. Mr. Spring-Rice has had much diplomatic experience. He was for years first secretary to the legation at Berlin, and prior to that was one of the secretaries to the British Legation here.

He married a daughter of Sir Frederick Lascelles, one of the brightest diplomats and witliest men in England. His daughter has inherited it, it is said, all of her father's popular traits, and she would be a distinct and pleasant addition to Washington society. Mr. Spring-Rice is a great personal friend of President Roosevelt, and would especially be persona grata at the White House.

Sir Alan Johnston, Minister to Denmark, is another diplomat who has been mentioned for the place. He, also, has served as secretary to the British Legation in Washington, and while here was popularly known as "the champion amateur tennis player of the District." Another mentioned is Gerald Lowther, stationed at Tangier. He married Miss Alice Blight, of New York. His wife is said to be a good diplomat herself, a trait that is considered very helpful, especially in Washington.

## Envoys of the Past.

In view of the interest manifested in the successor to Sir Mortimer, the list of the British envoys to this country from the first minister, George Hammond, who had such a stormy time of it during the four years he passed in Philadelphia, then the Capital, is interesting. George Hammond served from November 18, 1791, to August 14, 1796, and although his recall was not asked for, his Tory sympathies and his affiliation with the enemies of the government made his departure a subject for congratulation to the officials of that day. His secretary was Edward Thornton, afterward Sir Edward Thornton, whose son was subsequently British Minister to this country. Phineas Bond, a Philadelphia Tory, was also connected with the first British Legation, and acted as charge d'affaires from August 4, 1795, to May 12, 1796.

Sir Robert Liston presented his credentials in May, 1796, and served until the death of Anthony Murray, who was certainly not persona grata, although he remained three years, from November, 1802, to November, 1805. He was succeeded by David M. Erskine.

Francis James Jackson followed Lord Erskine and had the shortest service of any foreign minister in the history of the government. His credentials were presented on October 2, 1809, and on November 11, of the same year, he was recalled at the request of the United States Government. England showed her disapproval of this request by leaving the post vacant here for almost a year, but in August, 1810, John Philip Morier was named as charge d'affaires, and acted until July, 1811, when Augustus John Foster, whose services terminated with the declaration of war against Great Britain, was appointed.

## After the War of 1812.

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Sir Stratford Canning presented his credentials. This accomplished diplomat remained in Washington for three years, and in the interim between his departure and the appointment of Right Hon. Charles Richard Vaughan, Henry Unwin Addington acted as charge d'affaires. Upon Mr. Vaughan's recall, Charles Baskhead, secretary of legation, was in charge until the arrival of Minister Henry Stephen Fox, in 1836. Mr. Fox served until 1844. His successor was the Right Hon. Richard Pakenham—1847-49. In the latter year Sir Henry Bulwer Lytton was appointed to this post. He went on leave in 1851 and never returned. His letters of recall were presented by his successor, John Pimmes Twisselton Crampton, who had previously acted as charge d'affaires. Mr. Crampton served as minister for four years, when the United States discontinued diplomatic intercourse with him and sent him his passport.

Post Vacant During Civil Struggle.

The next minister to this country was Lord Napier, whose services began on March 16, 1857, the interim between Mr. Crampton's dismissal and Lord Napier's arrival being filled by Charge d'affaires Philip Griffith and John Saville Lumley. The Right Hon. Lord Lyons succeeded Lord Napier in 1859, and was in turn succeeded by the Right Hon. Sir Frederick A. Bruce, who died in this city on September 6, 1857.

From the retirement of Lord Lyons, in 1859, until the appointment of Sir Frederick A. Bruce, there was no British Minister at Washington, only a charge d'affaires, Francis Clare Ford. This, it will be remembered, was the period of the civil war, when our relations with Great Britain were anything but cordial.

Sir Edward Thornton, one of the most acceptable diplomats ever sent by Great Britain to the United States, was received as minister on February 4, 1868, and served for more than a decade. He was succeeded by Sir Lionel Sackville-West, whose sensational recall during the second term of Mr. Cleveland's administration is still remembered.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, who succeeded him, served from 1892 until his death in May, 1902. Then followed Sir Michael Herbert, whose career here was also cut short by death, and Sir Mortimer Durand, who will complete three years of service on December 2.

## MISS SHONTS NOT ENGAGED.

Says "Not Guilty," When Asked if She Intends to Wed.

Among the passengers on the Panama Line steamship *Plancia*, which arrived in New York yesterday from Colon, were John W. Hogg, chief clerk of the Navy Department, and his wife, Miss Theodora, and her two daughters, Miss Theodora and Miss Marguerite, both of whom are strikingly handsome.

All three were standing at the rail when the boat was warped to her pier. As soon as the gangplank was out the dispatch from Paris was shown to Miss Theodora.

"Not guilty," she said, laughing heartily. Pressed for further answer, she said: "So far as I can see there is neither truth nor reason in the report." Still she laughed.

The young woman admitted that the two families were great friends, and that she was particularly well acquainted with the duke's sister, the Duchess d'Uzes. "But there is absolutely no truth in the dispatch," Miss Shonts added.

Asked if she would prefer a titled foreigner to an American for a husband, Miss Shonts replied: "I'll not commit myself on that subject."

Then Mrs. Shonts spoke up: "I have no idea how the story got abroad," she said. "Of course, as my daughter says, it is not true."

"So said a thing," said Miss Theodora, "I want to be notified," said Miss Theodora, closing the conversation.

Mrs. Shonts and her daughters will be in Washington to-day, and will spend the winter here.

## CHURCH IS 110 YEARS OLD.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown, last night celebrated the one hundred and tenth anniversary of its foundation with the singing of the cantata, "Seed Time and Harvest," and a sermon, "Three hundred years of Christianity in America," by Dr. Randolph M. McKim.

Dr. McKim followed the history of the church from its first inception in America until the present day. He said that it was the English-speaking people and the English Church that were destined from the earliest settlement, that at Jamestown, to write the history of the United States.

The singing of the cantata by the choir of twenty men and fourteen boys and six women, occupied over two hours. Walter Watkins, George Cost, and Kendall Myers, bar sopranos, and William C. Mills, tenor, were the soloists. The full choir joined in the choruses, and the entire congregation aided in the singing of hymns.

## ARMY AND NAVY.

## Army Orders.

Capt. GRAYSON V. HEIDT, Eleventh Cavalry, to his regiment.

Second Lieut. WALTER S. DUNSDALE, Second Infantry, to his regiment.

Second Lieut. RESOLVE P. PALMER, Sixth Infantry, to his regiment.

Capt. EDGAR T. CHALKS, quartermaster, Sixth Infantry, to Fort William Henry Harrison, to relieve Lieut. Palmer.

Second Lieut. BOWERS DAVIS, Sixth Infantry, to his regiment.

Second Lieut. WALTER F. WALTZ, General Staff, detached secretary Army War College, to relieve Maj. Samuel Reber, General Staff.

Lieut. Col. CHARLES J. CRANE, military secretary, from headquarters, Northern division, to San Antonio, as military secretary, Department of Texas.

Maj. GEORGE H. MORGAN, Ninth Cavalry, detached in the Military Secretary's Department, to his regiment.

Maj. Morgan to Chicago as military secretary, Northern division.

## Navy Orders.

Lieut. W. R. WHITE, detached Rear Admiral, to Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department.

Lieut. H. H. ROYALL, to Rear Admiral.

Lieut. J. L. STICHT, detached Rear Admiral, to Indiana.

Lieut. M. G. COOK, detached Hopkins, home and ward orders.

Lieut. A. G. HOWE, to Hopkins.

Asst. Paymaster F. BALDWIN, detached navy yard, New York, navy yard, Boston.

MOVEMENTS.—The following movements of naval vessels have been reported to the Bureau of Navigation:

Arrived—Louisiana at Newport News, November 27.

Sailed—Whipple, Wurden, Truxtun, and Macdonough from Washington, N. C., for Key West, November 27.

Sailed—Hull from League Island for Hampton Roads, November 27.

THANKSGIVING.

The fields, with boundless yield,  
Look up to skies of blue,  
With smiles of grateful glow,  
And fragrance of the true.

The forests, rich and grand,  
Stand out in bosom's soft,  
Whence bird notes, music-like,  
Sweet forth in joyous strain.

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The voices of praise proclaim  
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## LEAVES HER HIS WAR CLAIMS.

## Old Soldier Bequeaths Daughter Accounts Against Government.

Events in the civil war are recalled in the will of James Reginald Shirley, of New York, filed for probate yesterday. Here are some of the clauses:

"French spoliation claim for the destruction of the schooner *Shirley*, Couple, and the bark *Juno*. This is in the hands of ex-Gov. Boutwell, of Massachusetts."

"Claim for extra pay due my father, Capt. Paul Shirley, U. S. N., for rations, John W. Hogg, chief clerk of the Navy Department, will attend to this, and it will be paid as son as Congress passes the appropriation, the claim having been allowed."

"Claim for \$50 pension due my dear mother the day she left me. In the hands of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury."

Three claims growing out of the civil war are left by the testator to his daughter, Mary Powell Arnold, of Philadelphia, who is also named as sole executrix without bond. To her he also bequeaths all the rest of his property and his account in the People's Bank.

## PLACES OF INTEREST.

Congressional Library—Open 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. on secular days; from 2 p. m. to 10 p. m. on Sundays and on certain holidays.

Public Library—Open 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. in winter; 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. in summer; holidays, usual hours; Sundays, 2 to 10 p. m.

Executive Mansion—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. in winter; 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. in summer; holidays, usual hours; Sundays, 2 to 10 p. m.

United States Treasury—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. in winter; 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. in summer; holidays, usual hours; Sundays, 2 to 10 p. m.

United States Patent Office—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. in winter; 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. in summer; holidays, usual hours; Sundays, 2 to 10 p. m.

United States Post Office—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. in winter; 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. in summer; holidays, usual hours; Sundays, 2 to 10 p. m.

Washington Monument—3054 feet in height—Open 9 a. m. to 530 p. m. (kissed does not run after 430 p. m.)

Congress Art Gallery—Open 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. in winter; 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. in summer. Sunday, 12:30 p. m. to 3 p. m., except in midsummer. Admission free on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays; other days, 25c. admission.

Government Printing Office—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. in winter; 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. in summer.

IN THE SUBURBS.

Mount Vernon, the home and tomb of Washington—Open 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. in winter; 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. in summer. Arlington National Cemetery—Open all day.

United States Soldiers' Home—Open 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. in winter; 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. in summer.

Zooological Park—Open all day. Rock Creek Bridge and Park. Chevy Chase and Kensington.

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